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Dear Prospective Wheaton Applicant:

I'm glad that your interest in Wheaton is strong and that you are planning to become an applicant for the Wheaton Class of 2021! Since financial assistance is often an important factor in the college selection process, I want to provide you with some important information about Wheaton financial aid application requirements and processing deadlines. The chart on the back of this letter details all of the deadlines and required forms for need-based federal, state and institutional financial aid. Merit scholars are selected from the applicant pool by the Office of Admission; no additional application is required if you wish to be considered for merit scholarship only.

First and foremost, financial aid at Wheaton is a partnership. Although Wheaton, like other private colleges, assumes that the primary responsibility for paying college costs lies with the family, the college continues to provide generous financial assistance in recognition of both financial need and academic promise. Your financial aid eligibility is determined through an analysis of your income and assets as reported on your FAFSA, PROFILE, and federal tax returns. Each application is analyzed individually, and in relation to the overall applicant pool. A Wheaton financial aid package may be composed of grants and/or scholarships, student loans, and student employment. Each package is offered based upon eligibility and high school performance, and is intended to supplement your ability to pay. Since there are college budgetary constraints placed on financial aid funding, it is *essential* that you adhere to all stated deadlines. We cannot ensure that institutional grant funding will be available for late applicants.

We realize that standardized application forms may not convey a true picture of your particular financial circumstances. Therefore, we encourage you to provide any supplemental information you would like us to consider when evaluating your aid eligibility. The Wheaton financial aid and admission staff is always available to assist you should you need additional help or clarification as you complete your application.

Please take the time to carefully review the chart on the back of this letter. Following these financial aid guidelines will help reduce the normal stress and confusion that can be associated with considerations of how to pay for college.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable senior year. Remember that we are available to help you explore your education and financing options at Wheaton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan E. Beard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan E. Beard  
Director of Financial Aid

Admission Application Type	FAFSA, PROFILE and 2015 Tax Returns Due	Notification Date
• Early Decision 1	November 1, 2016	November 30, 2016
• Early Action	November 1, 2016	January 15, 2017
• Early Decision 2	January 1, 2017	February 1, 2017
• Regular Decision	February 1, 2017	March 30, 2017
• Transfer	April 1, 2017	Rolling

Required Forms:	Obtain form from:	To be completed by:	Mail, fax, or scan/email to:
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	Student applicant and at least one parent must apply for a secure FSA user ID at <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid</a> , then apply online at <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> .	You and your parents. If your parents are divorced or separated, the FAFSA application should include data from the parent that you live with (your custodial parent). If your custodial parent is remarried, the information should include his/her spouse.	Electronic filing is recommended. <b>Our federal code for FAFSA is 002227.</b>
CSS Profile  <i>If a student wishes to be considered for federal funds ONLY, the CSS Profile is not required.</i>	Registration and completion must be done online: <a href="http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile">http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile</a> Click on PROFILE 2017-18.	You and your parents. If your parents are divorced or separated, the PROFILE application should include data from the parent that you live with (your custodial parent). If your custodial parent is remarried, the information should include his/her spouse.	N/A, must be completed online. <b>Our CSS Profile code is 3963.</b>
Parent Federal Tax Return and W-2(s)	Parent(s)' copy of 2015 Federal tax return.	Parent or tax preparer. Make sure you are submitting a complete, signed copy, including all pages, schedules and W-2(s).	Office of Student Financial Services, Wheaton College <a href="mailto:sfs@wheatoncollege.edu">sfs@wheatoncollege.edu</a>
Student Federal Tax Return and W-2(s)	Your copy of your 2015 Federal tax return.	You, your parent, or tax preparer. Make sure you are submitting a complete, signed copy, including all pages, schedules and W-2's. If you did not file taxes but earned wages, please provide your W-2(s).	Office of Student Financial Services, Wheaton College <a href="mailto:sfs@wheatoncollege.edu">sfs@wheatoncollege.edu</a>
Noncustodial Parent's Statement	When you complete the PROFILE, you will be given instructions for the on-line Noncustodial Parent's Statement. If you cannot access this form, please call and request one from our office.	Your noncustodial parent. This is the parent with whom you do not live.	Office of Student Financial Services, Wheaton College <a href="mailto:sfs@wheatoncollege.edu">sfs@wheatoncollege.edu</a>
Business/Farm Supplement	You should print out a copy of this form from our website: <a href="http://wheatoncollege.edu/sfs/forms/">http://wheatoncollege.edu/sfs/forms/</a> if your parents own a business or a farm, or are self-employed. If you cannot access this form, please call and request one from our office.	The parent who owns the business or farm.	Office of Student Financial Services, Wheaton College <a href="mailto:sfs@wheatoncollege.edu">sfs@wheatoncollege.edu</a>
Corporate or Partnership Tax Returns	Copy of corporate or partnership return for most recent tax year.	Parent's copy, or tax preparer.	Office of Student Financial Services, Wheaton College <a href="mailto:sfs@wheatoncollege.edu">sfs@wheatoncollege.edu</a>

### Important Tips:

- ✓ Apply for an FSA User ID from the Department of Education early: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>
- ✓ Be sure all required (e)signatures are provided on all applications, both parent and student applicant.
- ✓ Keep a checklist and copies of all forms submitted. Put the applicant's name and Wheaton ID# on all forms submitted.
- ✓ Call before the deadline to confirm the receipt of your aid application materials.
- ✓ Ask all questions you may have. Request any additional information you may need.
- ✓ If you are not required to file a federal tax return and will not be filing, please notify us in writing. We may still require verification of any income earned in 2015.